

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

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**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN  
DOCKET NO. AB 303 (Sub-No. 37X)**

**March 28, 2011**

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption ( ) Petition for Exemption ( ) Regulated Abandonment

**(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on March 11, 2011 for public review and comment. The comment period has ended and no comments have been received in response to the EA. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Wisconsin Central, Ltd. shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that could disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.
2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Wisconsin Central, Ltd. shall consult with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding the use of appropriate procedures when performing abandonment activities including the removal of any highway rights-of-way under its jurisdiction.

With the existing conditions imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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